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RETARDED CITIZENS DRIVE — APRIL 25, 26 & 27



Mayor James C. Conlon makes the first donation to the upcoming K of C Retarded Citizens Drive. Pictured left to right are: Robert Pfarr, Outside Guard and Co-chairman; Mayor Conlon; Julius Kiss, Grand Knight and Wayne Williams, Inside Guard and Co-chairman.

Brothers....please keep the dates of April 25, 26 & 27 in mind. It is on that weekend that our Council begins one of it's most charitable events....the annual RETARDED CITIZENS "TOOTSIE ROLL" DRIVE.

As in past years, we need all the assistance we can get. After all, this Charity Drive cannot be a success without your help.

There are those who are not as fortunate as we are and all of the money that we collect, is for a worthwhile cause.

Could you please spare at least one hour on this particular weekend to help us collect money for retarded citizens. If you could possibly devote more time, your efforts will not go unnoticed. In fact, we are going to present suitable prizes to the 3 Brother Knights who collect the most money.

We certainly would like to see this year's proceeds surpass the amount of money that we have collected in the past.

Just one hour of your time is all we respectfully ask of you.

Please see or contact myself or Co-chairman Bob Pfarr (Outside Guard - 964-1512) to tell us what day and time you will be able to assist us or sign up on the chart in the Council Hall.

Remember the dates...Friday April 25th, Saturday, April 26th, and Sunday April 27th. We all extend our heart felt thanks for your assistance.

Wayne Williams (688-5751)
Inside Guard
Co-Chairman

Scholarship Fund Notice

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the availability of a \$500.00 Scholarship per year to a boy or girl who wishes to pursue a catholic high school education. In order to be eligible, the following criteria must be met.

1. The applicant must be the child, brother or sister of either a member in good standing, or a deceased member (who at time of death was in good standing) of Union Council -4504. Dues must be paid through December 31, 1980.

2. The applicant must pass the Archdiocesan High School Exam and be accepted by a Catholic High School.

Awarding of the scholarship will be decided, by the Scholarship Committee on the basis of financial need and scholastic ability.

Applications must be submitted to Union Council -4504, 1034 Jeanette Ave., Union, N.J. 07083 (Attn: Grand Knight's Scholarship Committee), not later than May 15, 1980. Applications are available by contacting either Grand Knight Julius Kiss at 687-5173, Hank Skarbek P.G.K. at 761-5274 or the Principals of either St. Michael's or Holy Spirit Schools.

"An Often Forgotten Truth"

"It is not what men eat but what they digest that makes them strong; not what we gain but what we save that makes us rich; not what we read but what we remember that makes us learned; not what we preach but what we practice that makes us Christians" (Francis Bacon)

In Memoriam
PRAY FOR THE REPOSE
OF THE SOUL OF OUR
BROTHER
* * * *
William F. Strohmeier
February 20, 1980

First Friday

There will be no First Friday Devotions next month at the council — First Friday in April is Good Friday. We urge all to participate in the Holy Week services in their parish. May everyone have a truly spiritual Holy Week and a Happy Easter.

Join us in May and June for First Friday Devotions at 8 p.m. in our Council Home.

Missing Minute Book

The Council minute book for the years 1969 through 1971 is missing. Anyone having knowledge of the whereabouts of this book should contact Grand Knight Julius Kiss, Phone #687-5173 or PGK Bill Taylor, Phone #686-8847.

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Mon. Council Officers
 2nd & 4th Mon. Regular Meetings
 3rd Mon. Swim Club
 1st Wed. 4th Degree Officers
 2nd Wed. 4th Degree Color Corps
 3rd Wed. 4th Degree Regular
 4th Wed. Council Committees
 1st Thurs. Expansion Committee
 4th Thurs. Columbian Club

Knights of Columbus Bowling League Standings March 11

Pos.	No.	Name
1	4	The Time Bombs
2	6	3 Jay(es)
3	1	We'll Take It
4	7	Double O'Five
5	10	Nice Guys
6	2	Jackals
7	3	Rascals
8	9	Pin Ups
9	11	Semi Tough
10	12	Jersey Giants
11	5	The Good Guys
12	8	A-B+3J's

Knight of the Month April 1980



MICHAEL J. WARD

Our Knight of the Month honor for April is awarded to Mike Ward. A member of our Council for only a few years, Mike has clearly demonstrated his dedication to the ideals of Columbianism by his activities on Council committees. Mike is presently Chairman of the Youth Activity Committee and the success of that program is attributed to his hard work and enthusiasm.

Mike is supported by his beautiful family, his bride of eleven years Barbara and daughters Michele and Carolyn. They reside in Union and are communicants of St. Michael's Parish. He and Barbara are also active with Franklin Troop #381, Girl Scouts of America. Mike is employed at Fisher Scientific, Springfield, N. J.

Our Council is proud to salute Mike Ward as Knight of the Month for April.

Notice

1,000 New Catholic Teachers Needed for September by the Newark Archdiocese School System.

The First annual Teacher Job Fair of the Newark Archdiocese School System will be held on Wednesday, April 30th. Approximately 1,000 new teachers are needed to fill elementary and secondary school openings in Bergen, Hudson, Essex, and Union Counties. Minimum requirements are a Bachelor's Degree, Enthusiasm, A Love of Children, and a Desire to Teach. Full Benefits. The Job Fair is being organized by:

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Easter Egg Hunt

On Sunday, March 30th, the K. of C. will again have its annual Easter Egg Hunt.

This event will be held on our Council Grounds. In case of bad weather it will be held in our Council Hall.

The time for the hunt will be 2:00 p.m. sharp. All children 9 yrs. of age and under are welcome to attend.

Mike Ward
 Youth Activities Dir.

Grand Knights Column

Julius Kiss



The Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament, which our Council is hosting this year, is well underway. From our Opening ceremonies on March 15 to date, we have had a successful Tournament. I am certain it will continue successfully till the final ball rolls down the alley on May 4.

To all our Brothers and the members of their families who have already contributed their time and efforts to insure the success of this Tournament a word of appreciation and thanks from myself and the Council. Members who unselfishly give of themselves are often overlooked when huzzahs are given out at the Council. But we assure everyone who supports this tournament that our Council owes you a debt of gratitude. If any member has not yet had the opportunity to volunteer, it is still not too late to pick up the phone and call Andy Popp, P.G.K., Tournament Director or one of the other chairmen.

Another important event for which we will need many volunteers is the upcoming "Tootsie Roll" Drive for retarded citizens. The Co-Chairmen, Wayne Williams and Bob Pfarr, will need all the willing bodies they can get to man the collection points around town.

On Good Friday, we will not have our usual First Friday observance at the Council. I urge everyone to attend the Living Stations at St. Michael's Church. This Good Friday devotion for adults is one of the most inspiring Lenten devotions you can participate in.

Our First Friday devotion to the Sacred Heart will resume in May.

With the Easter season comes a spirit of renewal. We hope that our Brothers renew the spirit of fraternity which should motivate their lives as a member of the Knights of Columbus.

My family and I wish you and your families a Happy and Joyful Easter.

Council Spelling Bee

On Sunday, Feb. 24th, the annual Council level Spelling Bee was held. Seventeen 8th grade students participated in this event. I would like to extend my thanks to all the students for making this event a success.

The winners were: 1st place — Traci Buhrig, Holy Spirit; 2nd place — Miah Kim, St. Michaels; 3rd place — Mark Sabath, St. Michaels.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to Traci Buhrig, for placing 5th in the County Spelling Bee. Which was held Sunday, March 9th.

Mike Ward, Youth Activities Dir.

Family of the Month

Congratulations are extended to the families of Brother William Renner and Michael Bizon for being selected "Family of the Month" for January and February, respectively.

Christian Training of Youth and The Catholic School Part 1

1. We have often said and often heard it said that the future of Church and country depends on the training of our youth today. The youth of today are the men and women, the citizens of tomorrow. Besides the home and family, the responsibility for the training of young people, lies with other basic institutions under which we live, like the Church and school. The Church is a positive force in the lives of young people, but when they do not attend church regularly or participate in her functions, then religion cannot exert the positive influence she should exert in their lives. The Church inculcates the obligation of keeping the commandment of God, of loving and serving God, of loving neighbor and respecting his rights, of obeying all legitimate authority, etc. The Catholic school must then be the voice of the Church, teaching these truths and inculcating these duties.

2. Widespread is the belief, substantiated by juvenile court judges, that the weakening of religious bonds in the home and failure to adhere to one's religious obligations is one of the prime reasons for the increase of delinquency. Law and morality are implemented largely through the home. Effective Church teaching reaches into the home and helps to broaden the child's sense of awareness of his moral responsibilities. When the home fails in religious training or in discipline, a large burden is thrown upon the community.

From these brief considerations, we see the importance of Church and

home in the upbringing and training of our youth.

3. Experts in this field agree with Frederic M. Trasher, author of the book called "The Gang", that certain conditions in modern life make for delinquency of children like: a) those conditions in family life that make for neglect of children, such as poverty and ignorance, unsympathetic, immoral or uninterested adults; b) failure of present-day religion to penetrate in any real way the experiences of children; c) the failure of schools to impart knowledge of God and of his commandments; d) the lack of proper guidance for those sparetime activities that are of vital importance in developing wholesome citizens.

4. We realize the importance of **proper organization** to direct group or "gang" activities along wholesome religious lines. This requires Church organization leadership and cooperation with adults throughout the church parishes. The effectiveness of this program is envisioned by our Supreme Knight in his "round table" program between the Knights of Columbus and official representatives of the parishes. The effectiveness of any program and techniques to prevent anti-social and anti-religious behavior, and develop good character in youth depends in great measure on the quality of the relationship between the Church and her representatives with young boys and girls. Some fine and helpful organizations are CYO, the Sodality, Columbian Squires, Scouts, athletic leagues, etc. The adult population has a definite

responsibility and role to perform in this area.

5. The Catholic Church in the Christian education of her children and youth realizes the importance of her schools and the powerful influence the Catholic School has in the development of decent, law-abiding citizens. Hence, she has established schools wherever possible and has pointed up the responsibilities of parents to send their children to the Catholic school if one is available (Canon 1372, etc.). Where the regular Catholic school is not possible, then other schools of religion or of religious instructions as the CCD, are made mandatory.

Many Roman Pontiffs have written forcefully about the importance of the Catholic school not only for fitting youth for success in the world, but for eternal salvation. Canon law has strong regulations in the matter and the II Vatican Council issued a powerful document on the subject. We quote one sentence from the Council: "The Council reminds parents of their duty of entrusting their children to Catholic schools wherever and whenever possible, and of supporting these schools to the best of their ability and of cooperating with them for the education of their children."

The Bishops of the United States had this to say in their statement on Catholic schools: "We declare today that the Catholic elementary and secondary schools are an indispensable component of the Church's total commitment to education. We therefore will do our part to continue, improve and strengthen these schools."

Vivat Jesus!

Telephone

Unfortunately we had to activate the Committee on two occasions during the month of February for brothers Arthur Gerber and William Strohmeier. Please remember them in your prayers. Frequently a Team Captain or Group Leader will approach me at a regular meeting and advise me that he has been unable to reach one or more brothers because of an incorrect or unlisted telephone number. Understandably, he cannot recall the details at the moment and promises to call me at home. Probably due to other pressing matters I rarely receive the necessary information and, as a result I am unable to make the necessary correction. Why not make a written note of any problem and place it in your wallet? Then, when you see me at a meeting, you will have the information available. Better still, call me as soon as you learn of an error. In this way we can keep on top of any changes. We appreciate your cooperation and trust you will not consider this request as an imposition. Art Weber — 688-7269



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Mother Teresa — Modern Saint

A few months ago, the work of Mother Teresa was brought to the attention of the world more than ever before. She was awarded the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize for her work among the poor and dying of India. The Norwegian Nobel Committee announced its decision to award the prize to the 69 year old nun after considering the qualifications of 56 candidates, including President Jimmy Carter and Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński of Poland. When told of the award in Calcutta, Mother Teresa said "Thank God for his gift for the poor. God's blessings will be with the people who have given the prize. I hope it will be a real means of bringing peace and happiness in the world of today." In answer to why the Nobel Committee had chosen a woman whose work is outside the usual realms of politics, economic development and civil rights, the Com-

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		1	2	3	4 "LIVING STATIONS" ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH 7:30 PM. GOOD FRIDAY	5 HOLY SATURDAY
6 EASTER	7 Officers Mtg 8:00	8	9	10 HOLY THURSDAY	11	12 Natl. Bowl. Tour.
13 Natl. Bowl. Tour. RUNNELLS HOSPITAL (WHEELCHAIR)	14 Council Mtg 8:15 DIGEST DEADLINE	15	16	17	18	19 Natl. Bowl. Tour.
20 Natl. Bowl. Tour.	21	22	23	24 Col. Club Mtg 8:00	25 Retarded Citizen Drive	26 Retarded Citizen Drive Natl. Bowl. Tour.
27 Retarded Citizen Drive Natl. Bowl. Tour.	28 Council Mtg 8:15 PROGRAM DIR. MTG 7:00	29	30	<p>CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP IS FOR GROWN-UPS LIKE YOU!</p> <p>Vocations Are Everybody's Business.</p>		



**Chaplain's
Corner**
Rev. Ed Swierzbinski

At least once a year, I like to write about parent-child relations - Whichever side you write about the other has an opportunity to do some thinking. I recently read a column written by a Redemptorist, Fr. Broker, in a Liguorian Publications release. It dealt with a child's unhappiness at home - and the constant struggle between the growing independence of the child and the continuing responsibility of the parent towards the child of any age. Of course, this is a mystery of family life and human feelings get so TANGLED UP.

Fr. Broker said, "We cannot control other peoples feelings about all of this, but we can control our own. This is where we start in solving any great problem. Here is a questionnaire a child of any age might want to answer."

(Give yourself 10 points for every NO answer)

1. Has it been longer than two months since you told your parents you loved them?
2. Do you yell at your parents or use a sarcastic tone of voice to them?
3. Do you sometimes fail to realize that God will judge your parents on what they allow you to do or make you do?
4. Do you expect your parents to be perfect and never make a mistake?
5. Do you refuse to apologize when you hurt your Mother's or Dad's feelings?
6. Have you often forgotten to say "thank you" for the ordinary things they do for you (a ride, money, etc.)?
7. Do you show more love and concern for your firends than you do for your parents?
8. Have you failed to realize that usually your parents say "no" and seem unreasonable because they love you and are afraid somethin harmful might happen to you?
9. Would...you really want your parents to say yes to everything you ask for?
10. Do you think you are wise enough and have enough experience to make all of your own decisions?

(90 points, excellent; 80 points, pretty good; 50 points, you and your parents should have a long talk with someone.)
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"Someone said the membership of every organization is made up of 4 kinds of bones:
There are the wish bones, who spend all their time wishing someone else would do the work;
There are the jaw bones, who do all the talking but very little else;
Next are the knuckle bones, who knock everything that everybody else tries to do;
Finally there are the back bones, who get under the load and do the work.
What kind of bone are you?"
Author Unknown

Parents should also answer the questionnaire adapting it to themselves. Whether parent or child, the tone of voice, the volume, body posture, often cloud the true meaning of what we really want to say to each other. Regularly, we should check ourselves; avoid point and counter-point debates. They polarize feelings and confuse our thoughts. There are times when calm discussions are possible - pray you, both parent and child, are aware of such occasions and profit from them. Remember child of any age, your parent is **not** the enemy - remember parent that your child is **not** the enemy. Confrontations, challenges, are for bureaucratic governments not for **families**. What the teen-ager said at one of our First Fridays is so important and - each should discover what is **really** important to the other and discuss that, peacefully and lovingly. Agreement and understanding are not always possible (we are all still very human sinners) but the heat of hate and fear should be replaced by the warmth of love, expressed and demonstrated. Praying together, might lead to more understanding and mutual respect.

LET US TRY IT. -- GOD BLESS
N.B. - Remember our First Fridays, 8 P.M. Mass at our council-over by 10P.M.
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MOTHER TERESA
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mittee said, "Poverty and hunger and distress also constitute a threat to peace". The Committee went on to say, "A feature of her work has been respect for the individual human being, for his or her dignity and innate value. The lowliest, the most wretched and the dying have at her hands received compassion without condescension, based on reverence for man."

Mother Teresa's singleness of purpose is evident in many ways, including her practice of rising every day at 4:30 A.M. regardless of the hour at which she retired and where she may be. Asked for the secret of her ability to do this, she once said, "I sleep fast". Mother also said, "The biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted, uncared for and deserted by everybody. The greatest evil is the lack of love and charity, the terrible indifference towards one's neighbor who lives at the roadside assaulted by exploitation, corruption, poverty and disease".

At a news conference in Chicago in 1976, responding to questions on various topics Mother Teresa said, "In your own family, there may be lonely ones, or poor or unwated". "Abortion is a sign of the greatest poverty. It means that we cannot feed one more child so the child must die. It is the greatest poverty if we have to kill to live". "It is not wrong to be rich, but it is WRONG to let riches become your master". "Sanctity is not a luxury for the few. It is a simple duty for you and me. I have to be a saint in my way and you in yours." Notice how in all the statements she makes, in the actions and devotions of her life, Mother Teresa is so Christ-like. She speaks in simple modern language, serves today's people but in God's timeless fashion. Truly a modern saint

Jim Moran P.G.K.

Random Thoughts

If you have anything left after taxes these days, it's probably a receipt — Ecstasy is the delight experienced only in youth, but appreciated only in age — Ninety-eight percent of American homes have TV sets, which means the people in the other two percent of the nation's households have to generate their own sex and violence — Even if marriages are made in heaven, man has to be responsible for the maintenance — The trouble with having a doctor who doesn't make house calls is you have to be in pretty good health to find out how sick you are — Ancient Rome declined because it had a Senate, now what's going to happen to us with both a Senate and a House?

Jim Moran PGK

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